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Mr. Gary W. Smith
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OR91-179

Dear Mr. Smith:

You ask about a request for information received by the City of Galveston from the Concerned Taxpayer Coalition pursuant to the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 11754.

You advise that the City of Galveston does not maintain records in the form requested and that "[i]n order to provide the information requested, the City would be required to reprogram the computer and to manually compute the various factors." You advise that such records as are maintained by the city that contain information responsive to the request have been provided.

You correctly state that the Open Records Act does not require the preparation of new information. Open Records Decision No. 458 (1987). Nor does the Open Records Act require the preparation of an extensive new computer program to obtain particular sets of information. Attorney General Opinion JM-672 (1987). Accordingly, it appears that you have complied with the open records request, and we are closing the file.

If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR91-179.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Steiner", is written over a large, stylized, looping flourish that extends to the right.

John Steiner
Assistant Attorney General
Opinion Committee

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Ref.: ID# 11754

Enclosure: Open Records Decision No. 458, JM-672

cc: Mr. Don Mafrige, Chairman
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